

Management of pilgrimage's in Lithuania. Current challenges

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What is religious tourism?

Pilgrimage

Religious
tourism

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or

Tourism

- Cultural tourism
- Heritage tourism
- Religious tourism
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Relationship between religious tourism and pilgrimage

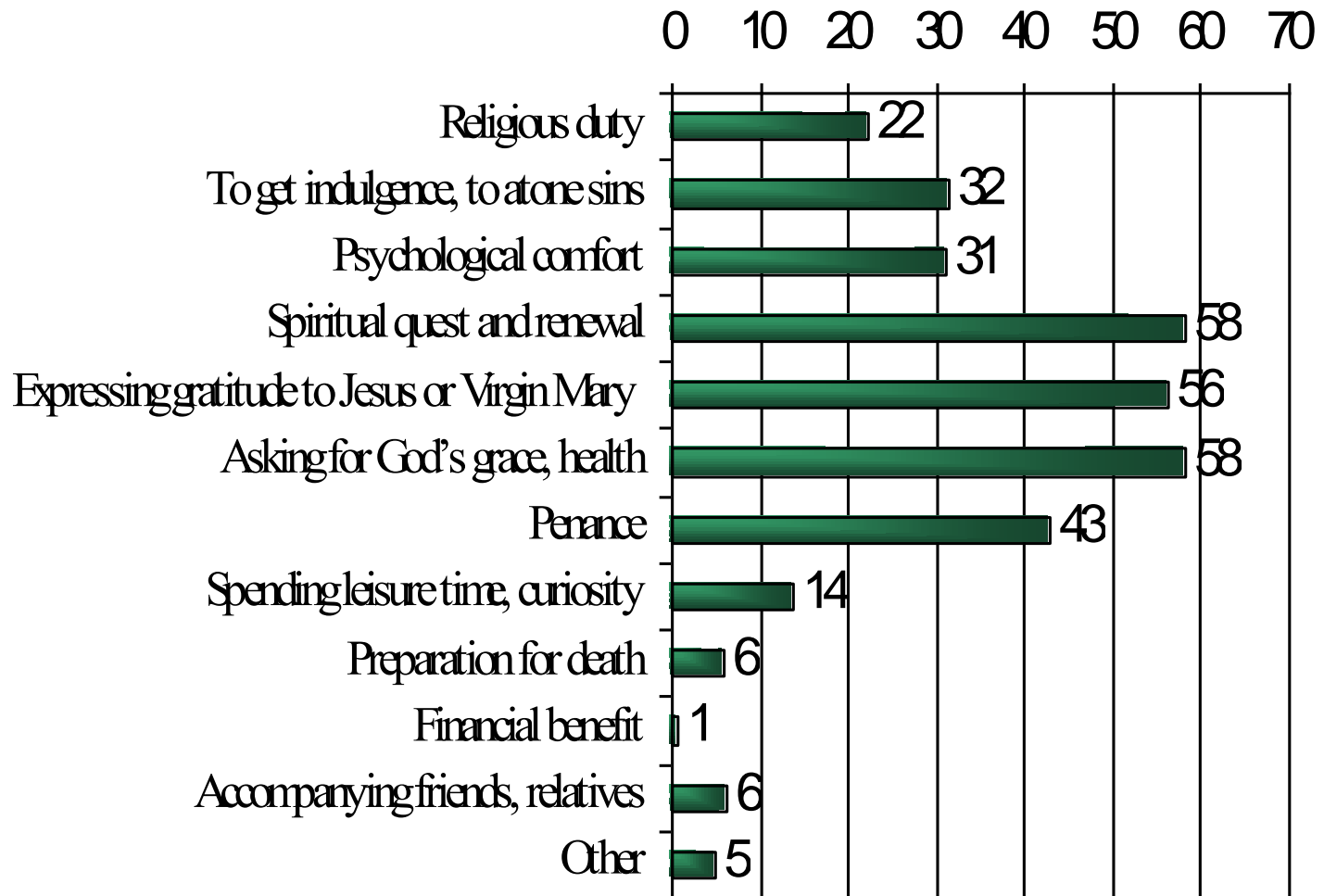
Pilgrimage (valuistic journey) related with the expression of values and identity, satisfying of spiritual needs, spiritual motivation.

Pilgrimage differs from religious tourism, which is considered to be an intermediate form between religious pilgrimage and secular tourism.

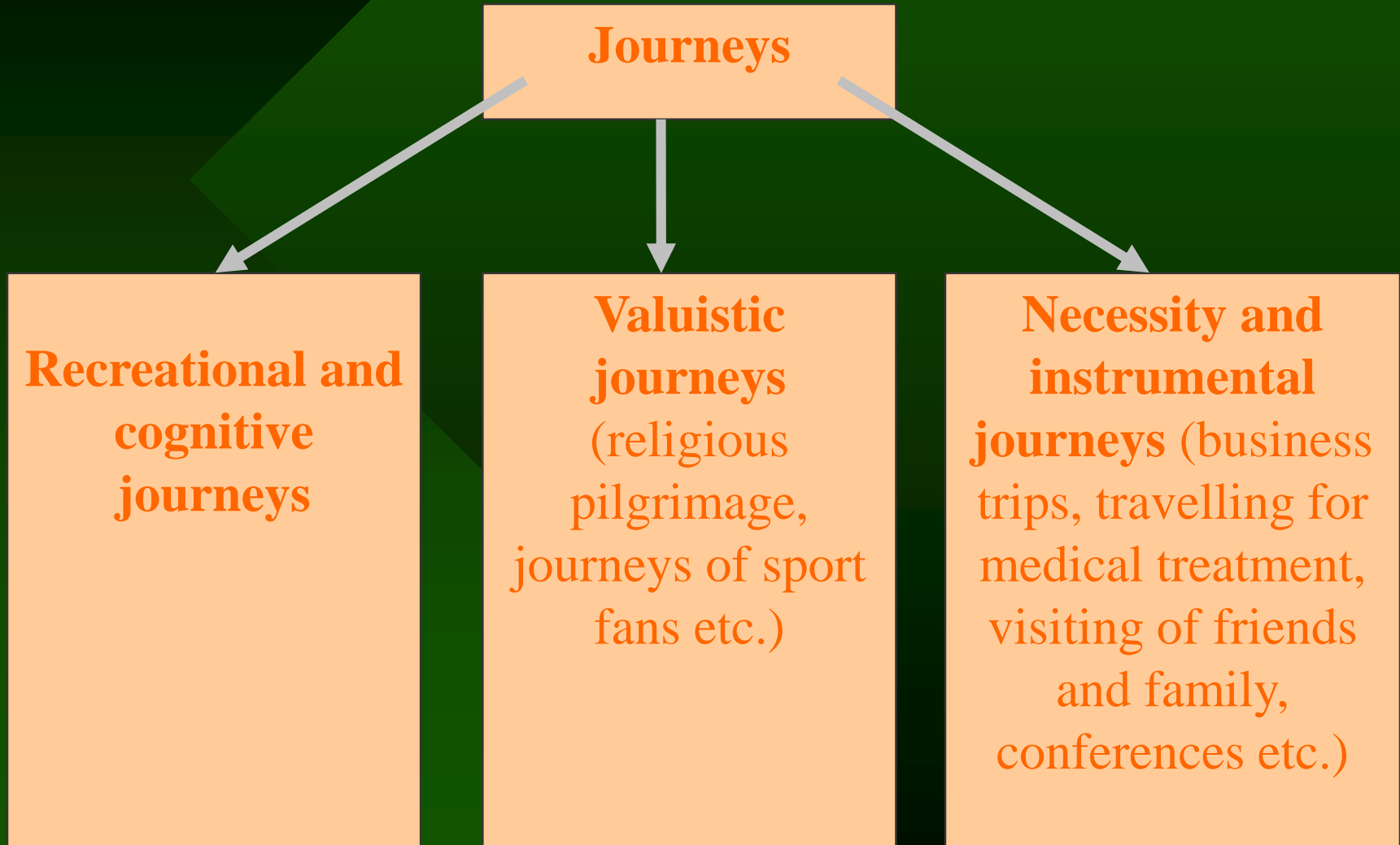
Religious tourism is differing from pilgrimage and comprises more cultural and holiday-making dimensions. Religious tourists visit religious objects and sacred places mostly for cultural and cognitive motives.

Religious tourists could have interest to learn religious history of the region, to understand particular rites and traditions, to educate co-travellers about their religious beliefs, or to find authentic experiences.

Main motives of religious pilgrimage, per cent



Classification of journeys



Conception of valuistic journeys

Valuistic journeys = traditional religious and modern secular *pilgrimage*

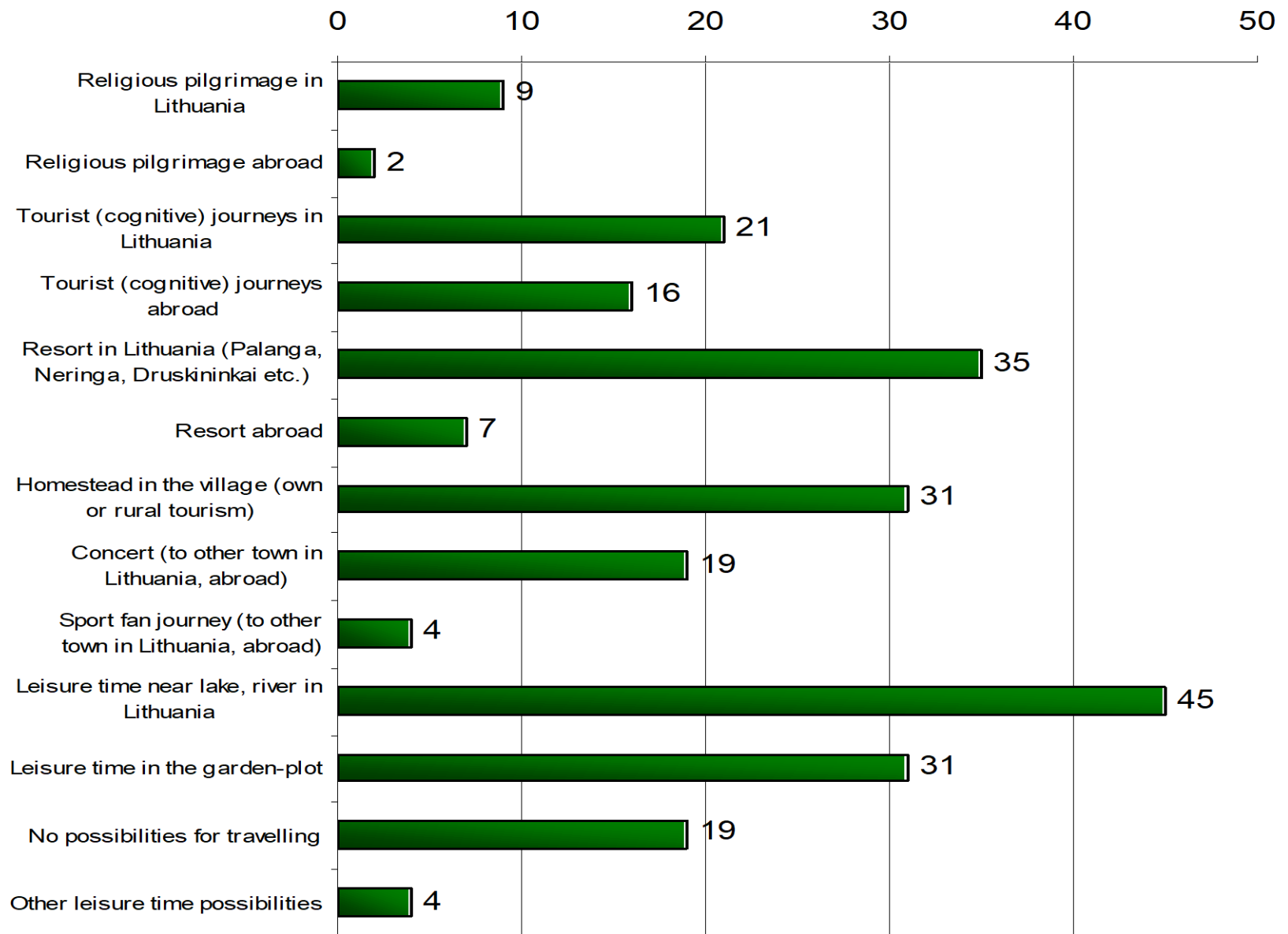
Such journeys seek to express attitudes to values and outline the guidelines for the identity of their participants

Conception of valuistic journey (pilgrimage)

Important features of the valuistic journey:

- clearly expressed geographical destination of the journey, which embodies a certain value;
- valuistic motives of the journey, internal attitudes impelling to carry out the journey;
- strongly expressed link between the journey and the identity of the traveller where the journey is an expression of personal identity or search for this identity;
- specific behaviour during the journey and at the destination point characterised by typical rites or models of behaviour.

Journeys of Lithuanian residents at least once per year from their inhabited locality, per cent



Classification types of Lithuanian Pilgrimage Places

✓ Origin

- ✓ Natural places (springs);
- ✓ Cultural places (Churches);

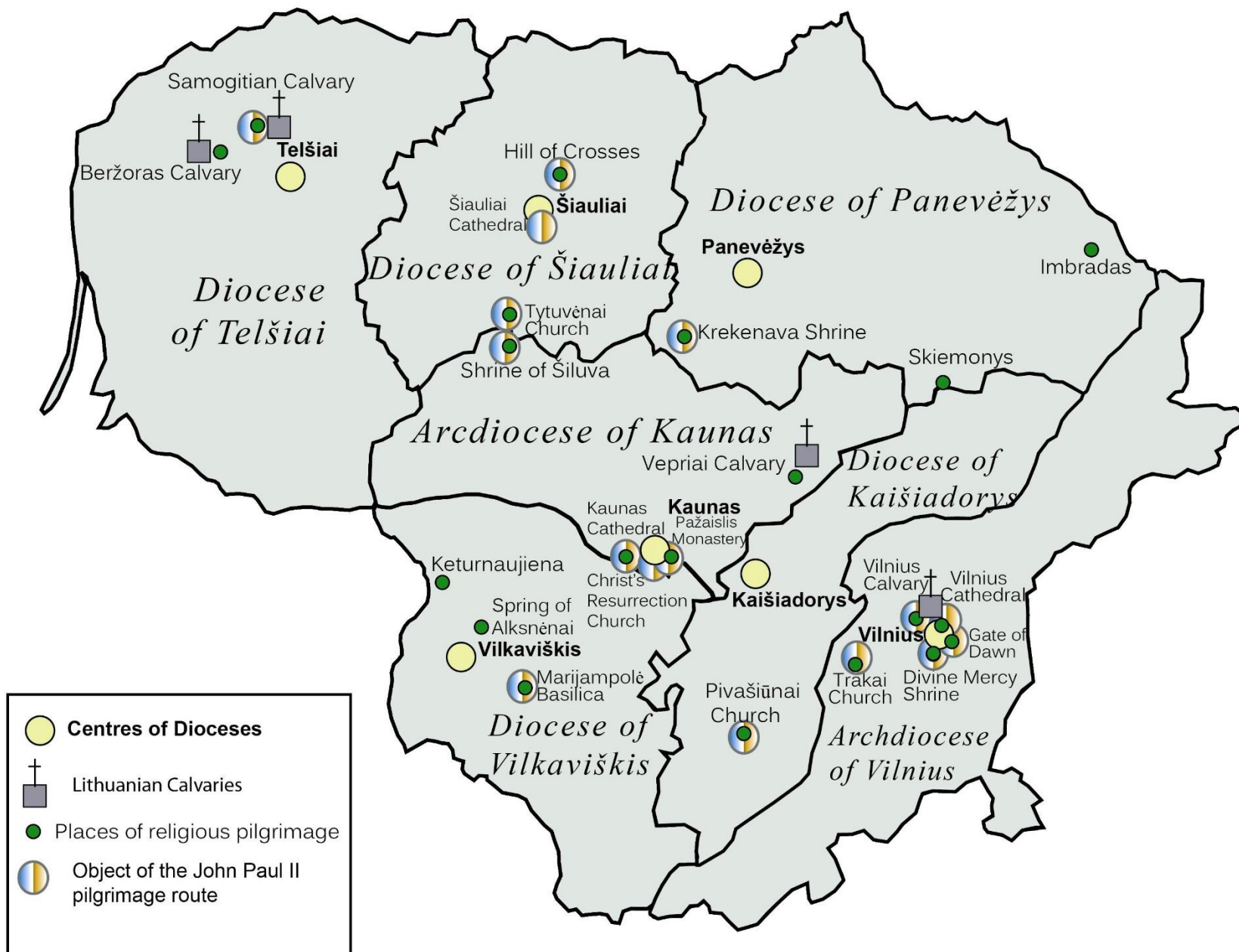
✓ Object of adoration

- ✓ Virgin Mary,
- ✓ Christ,
- ✓ Saints,
- ✓ Spiritual authority;

✓ Circumstances of origin

- ✓ Natural-historical (cemeteries, tombs)
- ✓ Miraculous (apparition places, miraculous images and relics).

Catholic pilgrimage places in Lithuania



Pilgrim Route of John Paul II in Lithuania

Established in August 2007

16 main Catholic pilgrimage places of Lithuania including the Hill of Crosses were joined:

1. Vilnius Cathedral Basilica. Chapel of St Casimir
2. Gate of Dawn Chapel and St Teresa's Church (Vilnius)
3. Vilnius Calvary
4. Trakai Church of the Visitation
5. Kaunas Cathedral Basilica
6. Christ's Resurrection Church in Kaunas
7. Pažaislis Church and Monastery
8. Shrine of Šiluva
9. Tytuvėnai Church and Monastery
10. Šiauliai Cathedral
11. Hill of Crosses
12. Samogitian Calvary Shrine
13. Marijampolė Basilica and Chapel in Lūginė
14. Pivašiūnai Church of the Assumption
15. Divine Mercy Shrine in Vilnius
16. Krekenava Shrine

THE PILGRIM ROUTE
OF POPE JOHN PAUL II
IN LITHUANIA



Places of the Pilgrim Route of Pope John Paul II

PLACES ON THE PILGRIM ROUTE OF POPE JOHN PAUL II





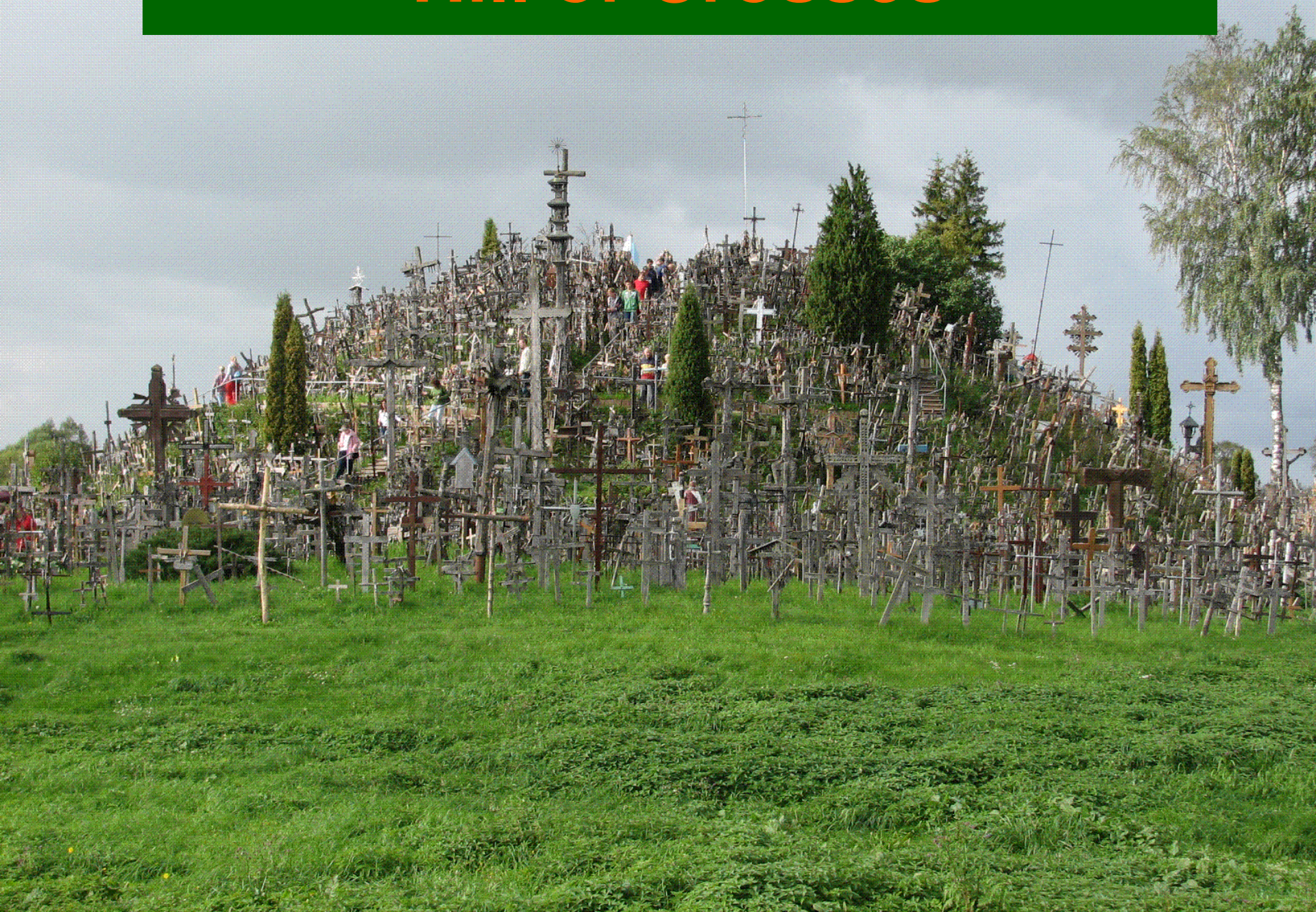
Places of Virgin Mary in Lithuania

- There are 11 most important apparition places of Virgin Mary in Lithuania;
- The most important is apparition place in Šiluva (from 1608);
- There are more than 100 miraculous images and more than 30 miraculous sculptures of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lithuania;
- More than 30 Grottos of Lourdes were built in Lithuania

Miraculous images



Hill of Crosses



Management of pilgrim journeys in Lithuania

Inward pilgrimages

- Catholic Church (Dioceses, youth centers of the dioceses, pilgrim centers)
- NGO (Community of Lithuanian Pilgrims, etc.);
- Local parishes and various communities.

Outward pilgrimages

- Various communities;
- Tourism enterprises

Religious tourism projects

- State Tourism department;
- NGO (Community of Lithuanian Pilgrims, etc.).
- Catholic Church (Dioceses, youth centers of the dioceses, pilgrim centers).



Community of Lithuanian Pilgrims

- The Community of Lithuanian Pilgrims was established in 2004. The aims of the organization are:
 - to consolidate Christian pilgrims in Lithuania,
 - to take care of the natural and cultural heritage of the sacred site in Lithuania,
 - to organize pilgrim journeys.
- The Community of Lithuanian Pilgrims organizes various projects associated with pilgrimage and sacred places of Lithuania and publishes various publications.

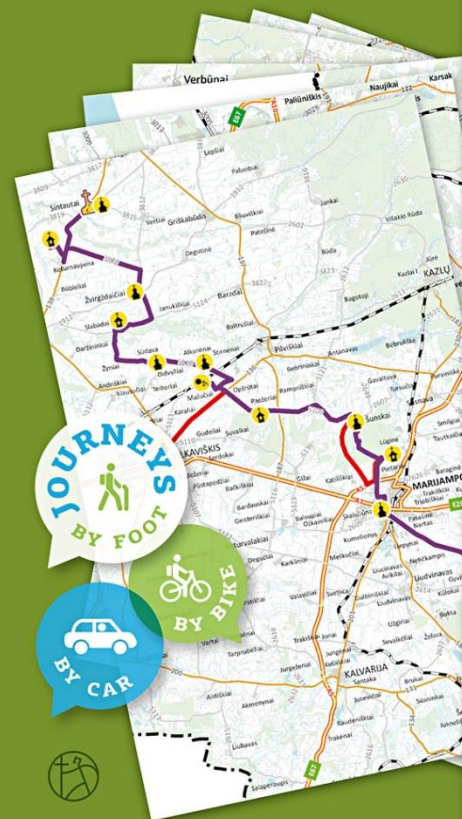


Main projects of the Community of Lithuanian Pilgrims

- Biennial contest-exhibition of wood carvers works “Saints and pilgrims”;
- Publishing projects: monograph „Pilgrimage. Manifestation of Values and identity in the Journeys”, four-disc album “Prayers and Hymns of Vilnius Verkiai Calvary”, DVD “Pilgrimage sites in Lithuania”, map guide “Pilgrim Routes in Lithuania”.

PILGRIM ROUTES IN LITHUANIA

MAP GUIDE





PILGRIM ROUTES

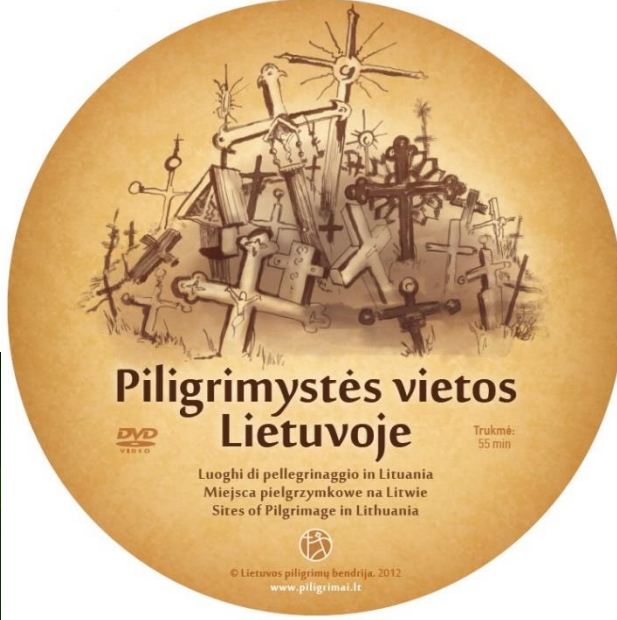
Pilgrim routes



- CENTERS OF COUNTIES
- SITES OF PILGRIM ROUTES
- Vilnius – Pivašiūnai
- Kaunas – Šiluva
- Hill of Crosses – Šiluva
- Kražiai – Žemaičių Kalvarija
- Palanga – Žemaičių Kalvarija
- Panevėžys – Vepriai
- Sintautai – Shrine of Crosses



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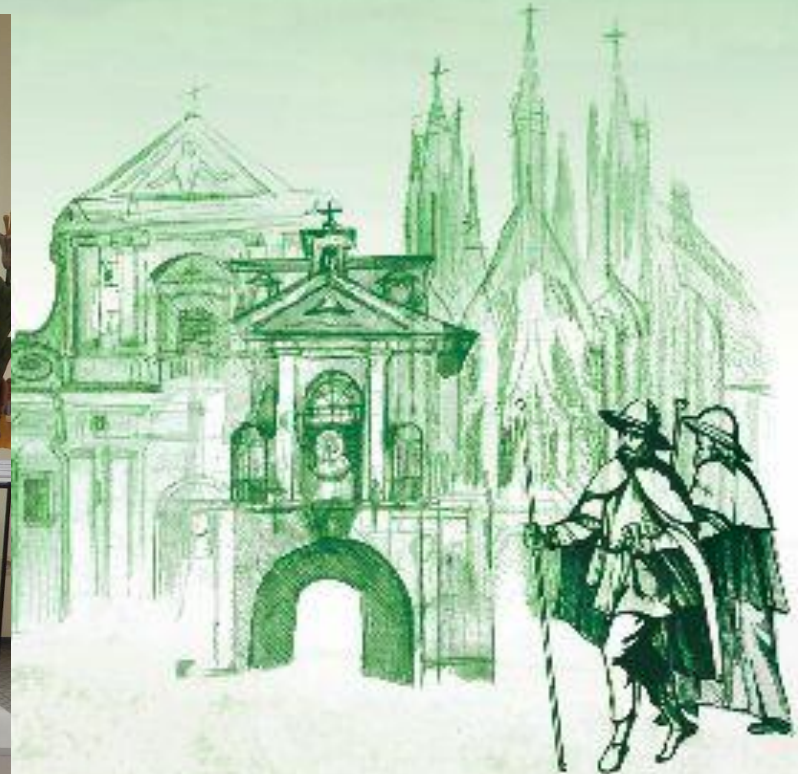


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